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ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Designation of a Grants Disputes Decision Official and Review Official

FROM:

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Regional Administrator

Michelle D. Hladick
for

TO:

All Division Directors

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR § 1500, Subpart E, set forth the process and roles for grants disputes. This memorandum designates the Disputes Decision Official and the Review Official for Region 10.

According to Subpart E of these requirements, when an action official notifies an affected entity (e.g. grant recipient) of an agency decision regarding the EPA's initial pre-award or post-award determination, the action official also informs the affected entity of its dispute rights, including appeal to the DDO. The DDO is "the official designated by the Regional Administrator to issue the written decision resolving the Appeal" concerning the financial assistance matter. The affected entity may request further review of the DDO appeal decision by the Review Official. The regional Review Official is the Regional Administrator or designee.

Under the authority of 2 CFR § 1500.13(e), I hereby designate the Region 10 Grants Management Official to be the DDO for disputes arising in connection with assistance agreements and for disputes arising in connection with the audit management process related to assistance agreements. The GMO will henceforth serve as the DDO for all disputes under any grant program that by regulation must use the dispute appeal process outlined in 2 CFR §§ 1500.14 -19. This designation will continue in effect until it is withdrawn or modified by the Region 10 Regional Administrator. If at any time the GMO position is vacant or the GMO is otherwise unavailable, the Chief, Grants and Interagency Agreements Branch, will act as the designated DDO.

Under the authority of 2 CFR § 1500.13(f), I hereby designate the Region 10 Director of the Mission Support Division as the Review Official for an entity that requests a review of the DDO's appeal decision. The Director, MSD, will henceforth serve as the Review Official for all DDO Appeal decisions filed under any grant program that by regulation must use the dispute appeal process outlined in 2 CFR §§ 1500.14 -19. This designation will continue in effect until it is withdrawn or modified by the Region 10 Regional Administrator.

This designation is effective immediately.

cc: Nancy Lindsay, Director, Mission Support Division
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